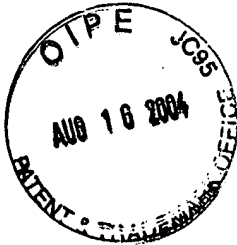


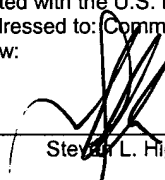
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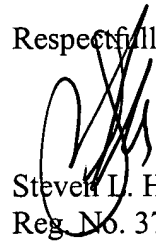
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of two months to and including August 12, 2004 in which to respond to the Office Action dated May 12, 2004.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$210 is enclosed, which is the process fee (\$210.00) for a two-month extension of time.

If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an

overpayment be included herein, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/UTSC:708US/SLH.

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